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From: CN=Elizabeth Butler/OU=R2/O=USEPA/C=US
Sent: Tue 11/15/2005 3:43:48 PM
Subject: Re: Proposed plan for Diamond Alkali
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Christine,

As you probably read on the internet fact sheet, EPA originally began studying just a 6-mile stretch of the Passaic River. However due to the number of contaminants found and the tidal nature of the river, the investigations were stopped, and a unique government partnership was formed between EPA, the Army Corps of Engineers and New Jersey's Department of Transportation to bring together the authorities of Superfund and the Water Resources Development Act to do a more holistic study of the entire tidal portion of the river (17-miles). The field investigations began in September of the expanded study area for a long list of contaminants including dioxin, PCBs, metals, and pesticides to name a few. Given the complexities of this system, it is anticipated that we will be finished the study and ready to determine the remedy in 2012. However, there is a lot of internal dialog occurring to try to determine if this timeline can be shortened. However, for now, it looks as if the proposed plan will probably be written around 2012. I hope this helps. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or you can feel free to email Alice Yeh, the project manager for that study, at yeh.alice@epa.gov. I am actually the project manager for the Newark Bay study.
Elizabeth

Kai Draper & Chris Rueter <kaidrap@comcast.net>
11/15/2005 07:26 AM
To Elizabeth Butler/R2/USEPA/US@EPA
cc
Subject Proposed plan for Diamond Alkali

Dear Ms. Butler:

My name is Christine Rueter and I am writing to inquire about the anticipated proposed plan date for:

Diamond Alkali, Co., OU02

I am gathering information for research purposes; I am not looking for site work. I have already reviewed the EPA website for this site and the advanced query for Superfund shows that site investigations are still underway.

***If you could estimate a basic time frame for the release of the proposed plan (Spring 2006, Fall 2006, 2007, etc.) that would be helpful.

***If a proposed plan is available, I would like to request a copy (I did not locate one on the internet). If you can, email me a copy at kaidrap@comcast.net or fax me at (703) 524-9415.

Thank you in advance for your time!

Sincerely,

Christine Rueter